# **Department of Historic Resources Reconnaissance Level Survey**

Accomack DHR Id#: 001-0027-0052

#### Resource Identification

Property Name(s): ..... WFF # F-010A - Tool and Equipment

Storehouse {Current}

Property Date: ..... 1947

*Address(s):* ..... Wormhoudt Street {Current}

County/Independent City: Accomack Vicinity of: ..... Chincoteague State, Zip: ......Virginia 23337

USGS Quad Name: ..... CHINCOTEAGUE WEST

Surrounding area: ..... Rural

National Register Eligibility Status Property is Historic (50 years or older)

### Resource Description

Ownership Status: ..... Public - Federal

Acreage: ..... 0.5

Primary Resource Exterior Componant Description:

Comp Type/Form Component Chimneys Chimneys - None Foundation Foundation - Slab

Porch - None Porch

Roof other

Structural System - Masonry Structural System

Material

Concrete

**Material Treatment** 

Foundation - Poured

Roof - Corrugated Metal Concrete Structural System - Block

Site Description: ..... The structure is set in a flat, level area behind F-10 (001-0027-0051) and is bound by woods to the south and west.

**WUZIT Count:** 

Historic? No. Wuzit Types Historic Industrial Storage

NR Resource Count:

#### **Individual Resource Information**

WUZIT: ..... Industrial Storage

Accessed? ...... No Est. Date of Construction: .... 1947 {Owner/written data} Not accessible

Primary Resource? ..... Number of Stories: ..... 1.0 Architectural Style: ..... Other Condition: ..... Good Interior Plan Type: ..... Other

Threats to Resource: ...... None Known

Description: This brick and concrete block building has a poured concrete slab foundation and a curved, corrugated metal roof. It has three regularly spaced metal doors on the north side with small metals vents located above the doorway openings. The north elevation is made entirely of brick laid in running bond. The other three elevations have brick in the corners

and concrete block in the center.

#### **Cemetery Information**

### **Bridge Information**

### National Register Eligibility Information

Historic Context(s): ..... Military/Defense

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Historic Time Period(s): S- The New Dominion (1941- Present)

Significance Statement:

This small, one-story masonry structure was built in 1947 as a support building for the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS) Hangar (001-0027-0051, WFF # F-010), housing flammable and other material. The building is identified as "F-10A" on the 1950 "Map of Navy Auxiliary Air Station and Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" prepared by the U.S. Navy. It was called the "Paint Locker" on the 1953 "Station Development Map – Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Naval Aviation Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by the U.S. Navy. It was again identified as "F-10A" in the 1957 "General Development Plan – Naval Air Station, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Chincoteague, Virginia" by U.S. Navy. It is located to the immediate south of and behind the Technical Services Shops and Offices (001-0027-0051, WFF # F-010), adjacent to the Heat Treating Shop (001-0027-0053, WFF # F-010B).

This building is an example of a secondary industrial property type that gained importance in the New Dominion (1941-present) period and was one of several structures built on CNAAS following the end of World War II. Established in 1943, CNAAS was used as a training base for Navy aircraft carrier squadrons that would be serving in the Pacific theater of World War II, and to enable Civil Air Patrol to conduct antisubmarine operations off the Atlantic coast. In 1946, the U.S. Navy expanded the mission of CNAAS to include the Naval Air Ordnance Test Station (NAOTS). By 1949, the U.S. Navy discontinued aircraft carrier training and in 1951 CNAAS became a Naval Air Facility, with a primarily-research based mission that corresponded with the mission of NAOTS until the base was closed in 1959. In 1959, the ownership of CNAAS was transferred to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and was renamed Wallops Station. The building has essentially retained its original use throughout its history on the base.

The Tool and Equipment Storehouse has been evaluated both as a contributing resource in a historic district and as an individual resource. Issues of significance, integrity and district boundaries were carefully considered. A proposed district comprising this resource lacks integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association due to the removal of the majority of buildings from the period of significance (1936 to 1959) and the construction of later buildings. Thus a historic district here is not eligible under Criterion A, B, C or D.

As an individual resource, it is not eligible for listing in the National Register or the Virginia Landmarks Register under Criterion A, B, C, or D as it is not associated with a significant event or individual at the local, state or national level; it does not embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values, or represent a significant or distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; nor does this property have any archaeological potential.

The resource retains its integrity of location, design, materials, workmanship and feeling. Although remaining in its historic location, the structure's integrity of setting and association has been adversely affected by the changes made to the surrounding setting of the base of which it was a part; by 2004 the majority of buildings of this period have been demolished, changing the historic character of the physical environment of the structure's historic context.

**Bibliographic Documentation** 

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Reference #:	1
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Bibliographic RecordType: ..... Map

Author: Giffels and Valet

Citation Abbreviation: .....

Air Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1942.

Reference #: 2

Bibliographic RecordType: ..... Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation: .....

1950

Reference #: 3

Bibliographic RecordType: ..... Map

Author: U.S. Navy

Citation Abbreviation: .....

Station, Chincoteague, Virginia." 1953.

### **Ownership Information**

### **Graphic Media Documentation**

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#### Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Events

CRM Event #1,

Cultural Resource Management Event: ...... Reconnaissance Survey

Date:2004/07/99Organization or Person:URS GroupVDHR Project ID # Associated with Event:2003-0571

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CRM Event #2,

Cultural Resource Management Event: ...... Reconnaissance Survey

 Date:
 2003/08/08

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